

REMARKS

With this response, Applicants resubmit previously presented amended claims 1, 3-8, 13-17, 20, 23-24, 26-27, 29, 32, 35 and 38; original claims 9-12, 18-19, 21-22, 25, 28, 30-31, 33-34 and 36-37; previously presented claims 41-52; and cancel no claims such that claims 1 and 3-52 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully request allowance of all the pending claims.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that the new oath has been accepted and the deficiencies have been remedied.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for the telephone interview conducted on August 9, 2007 with the attorney of record, Gayle A. Bush. The Examiner indicated that the claims need to be presented in proper reissue amendment format, especially with respect to claims 1-40. The Examiner indicated a response should be filed addressing formatting issues by September 7, 2007 and that all claims should be listed in the amendment in order to put the application in condition for allowance.

In the Advisory action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3-52 stating new issues required further consideration. The Examiner explained, "the underlinings and brackets have not been made with respect to the claims as they were found in Pat. No. 6,214,400. For instance, claim 1 (i.e., wherein in step c...) has additions which were not underlined with respect to the issued claims".

In response, Applicants resubmit the claims that begin on page 2 of this paper with formatting to comply with 37 CFR 1.173. No new subject matter has been added to the claims presented in the July 16, 2007 response. All markings are made relative to the claims that appeared in granted patent U.S. 6,214,400, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(g). Claims 41-52 are claims that were not included in the issued patent U.S. 6,214,400. Therefore, as matter to be added by reissue these claims are underlined in their entirety pursuant to the format described in 37 CFR 1.173(d)(2) and 37 CFR 1.173(g).

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the claims are novel and patentable over the prior art, that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants kindly request that the Examiner telephone the attorney of record in the event a telephone discussion would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gayle A. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gayle" and last name "Bush" clearly distinguishable.

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